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Pearl Bordered Fritillary *Boloria euphrosyne* L (Lep.:Nymphalidae): A March Record?

On visiting a friend in Cambridge at the beginning of April 2001, I asked if she had seen any butterflies during the hitherto unpromising spring weather. Yes, said Mrs Rosalind Buffery, she had seen a fritillary the previous day (30 March). This seemed to me unlikely, and I suggested it might have been a Comma *Polygonia c-album*, recently out of hibernation.

Later we went around the garden, near the University Library, and there were wild violets in full flower everywhere, under the trees and in the hedges. The presence of fritillaries during the summer would not be at all unlikely, and my friend, an observant person, would assuredly have known what they looked like, and not confused them with Commas.

Consequently, my know-all attitude was almost certainly misplaced, and this was a genuine sight record of a newly hatched *Boloria euphrosyne*, near the backs in Cambridge, on 30 March 2001.— R. C. DENING, 20 Vincent Road, Selsey, West Sussex PO20 9DQ (E-mail: dening@globalnet.co.uk).